

(b) if so, the number thereof; post office-wise/sub post-office wise in each district; and

(c) if not, the details of the measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Public telephone facility is available in some post offices in Jammu & Kashmir. The number of Public Call Offices post-office wise in each district is as follows:—

| Sl. No. | Name of District | Sub Post Office | Branch Post Office |
|---------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Anantnag | 6 | 2 |
| 2. | Badgam | 4 | 4 |
| 3. | Baramulla | 6 | 1 |
| 4. | Doda | 7 | 15 |
| 5. | Jammu | 52 | 13 |
| 6. | Kargil | 3 | - |
| 7. | Kathua | 14 | 13 |
| 8. | Kupwara | 2 | - |
| 9. | Leh | 2 | 1 |
| 10. | Poonch | 5 | 11 |
| 11. | Pulwama | 5 | 8 |
| 12. | Rajouri | 13 | 52 |
| 13. | Srinagar | 17 | - |
| 14. | Udhampur | 20 | 27 |

(c) Public telephone facility is provided in post offices by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited on case to case basis as per justification.

Expenditure on Advertisements by MTNL

2602. **SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the amount spent by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. Delhi. on advertisement during 1999-2000 particularly, from 1st April to 31st December, 2000, language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): The amount spent by MTNL Delhi Unit and Corporate

Office on advertisement during the financial year 1999-2000 and from 1st April to 31st December, 2000 are given below:—

MTNL Delhi Unit

| Language | During the financial year 1999-2000 | From 1.4.2000 to 31.12.2000 |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| English | 2,18,69,321.00 | 1,52,23,771.00 |
| Hindi | 45,63,268.00 | 37,01,185.00 |
| Bangla | 10,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Urdu | Nil | 32,000.00 |
| Punjabi | Nil | 8,480.00 |
| TOTAL: | 2,64,42,589.00 | 1,89,70,436.00 |

MTNL Corporate Office, Delhi

| | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| English | 4,06,28,339.00 | 2,68,86,188.00 |
| Hindi | 1,17,58,255.00 | 67,67,090.00 |
| Urdu | 6,33,416.00 | 1,66,975.00 |
| Punjabi | 55,978.00 | 1,12,840.00 |
| Bangla | 3,24,185.00 | 81,636.00 |
| Marathi | 15,01,573.00 | 10,57,067.00 |
| Tamil | Nil | 9,74,000.00 |
| TOTAL: | 5,49,01,746.00 | 3,60,45,796.00 |

Agreement with USA for the development of telecom sector

†2603. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed any agreement with USA for overall development of telecommunication sector last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the sectors likely to be benefited immediately as a result of signing the said agreement; and

(d) the effect it will have on telecommunication sector?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.